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1. The Soviet Oil Administration in Austria (SMV) plans to lay a pipeline from Bockfliess to Korneuburg and Moosbierbaum, a total of 60.5 kilometers. The first deliveries of pipe are scheduled for 15 March with the final deliveries due on 15 June 1955.
2. Between 1 January and 15 February the SMV's construction section (Bau Und Montage) hired 600 workers, mainly for work on the above pipe line. The SMV drilling unit at Prottes reportedly hired 450 workers between 1 December 1954 and 31 January 1955.¹
3. As of 15 February, two turbo-drills were operating in the Fischamend area; two more are to be put in operation there during spring 1955. It is also planned to install four turbo-drills in the Leitha Hills near the Neusiedlersee (Lake) during spring. It is said that test drillings made during 1954 on the Hungarian side of the Neusiedlersee were positive.
4. SMV imports from the USSR since 1 January have included 20 heavy tractors, turbo-drilling units and sizeable quantities of drilling pipe and tubing.

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